

## Oregon Nordic Club Board Meeting Minutes September 28, 2004

In attendance: Lou Klump, Jennifer Klump, Andrew Black, Sokom An, Roy Buntin, Penney Peloquin, Pam Rigor, Laura Dawson, Ted Scheinman, Al Stickel and Kelly Bacon.

Membership: Our current membership is 272 which includes five new members. Last year we had 290 at this time.

Lou outlined goals to gain new members:

1. Contact lapsed members
2. Distribution of business cards by Board Members
3. Brochures at ski shops. Arrange with REI to hand out brochure with Nordic ski purchase
4. Ski lessons
5. Novice/Easy tours
6. Snowshoe Program

Financial Report: Al Stickel advised that we have \$3500 in Savings and \$15,300 in checking.

State Reps: Sokom An gave the Board the state report as follows:

1. The number of paid units currently is 960.
2. The John Craig race made of profit of \$475. The race next year will be the same classic race only. The Portland Chapter will be handling all the registration. There will be a banquet for the mail carry.
3. The next board meeting will be held in Bend on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sokom outlined our activities regarding resolutions for Cooper Spur and Tilly Jane.
5. We were advised Teacup Chapter does not have enough money for their shelter. Lou will call them and see if we have grant information to assist them. Nathan Caldwell who is currently back on the east coast will be helping us acquire grant money for the Portland Chapter shelter we would like to build. Sokom stated the Salem Chapter advised that a good solid foundation is essential to longevity success.

Day Tours: Kathy Burns has volunteered to be a Day Tours Coordinator. We still need one more person. As we've indicated in past board meetings, it is important to have a novice, easy and intermediate trip every weekend. A list of possible novice tour leaders will be assembled to assist Kathy.

The Board agreed to retain the current policy regarding dogs on hikes. The policy will remain the same as in the past – dogs will only be allowed on designated dog hikes. We will also retain the same policy regarding having no hiking or biking tours scheduled when we have a trail maintenance trip. A special service award for trail maintenance was discussed.

Overnight Tours: Ted passed around an attractive flyer he produced for the Norway overnight ski trip.

Ted briefly gave an overview of the Winter Season Overnight Tour Extravaganza. We will have a slide show like last year and proceed to the overnight tour signups by tour leaders. A short leader meeting will also be held. We discussed a different format we may want to develop for next year which we will finalize at a later date. Board members will assist with membership signup or any other needed tasks.

Programs: November 2 - Ski Fair

Website: Andrew advised the board that the cost will be doubling for our website mailing lists.

Nordic Issues: Penney passed out a sample sign regarding Skier, Snowshoer & Hiker trail etiquette. We all felt the sign should be more simplistic in design and Penney will develop this concept and send to the board through e-mail for approval. Having a day volunteer at trailheads to discuss trail etiquette was also discussed, as well as having the information handed out at snowshoe rental shops.

Roy Buntin advised that there is an agreement in place with the county to plow an area in the Clackamas area that the snowmobile club will be using. We could do an exploratory trip to check out the area. The DEIS will be available next month for the proposed Timberline Express Lift with our Bypass Cross Country ski trail.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be on October 19th and will be hosted by Laura Dawson. For those interested in participating in a potluck prior to the Board Meeting, please plan to arrive by 6:30pm.

Submitted by: Kelly Bacon, Secretary

